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1. The following list giving the total amount of scrap now held by USIA
administrations and USIA-controlled firms is allegedly a copy of a list
prepared by the Soviets which was signed by OSIPOV, KUVSHINSKY, TETERIN,
ANDREYEV, and the Austrian Director of Bahnbedarf A.G., [redacted]
Included in these totals are such items as damaged machinery which can-
not be repaired, construction equipment, piping, beams, girders, boilers,
metal plate, railroad tracking and structural steel. [redacted]
a large percentage of these items were Austrian-owned prior to 1938, and
cannot be legally claimed as captured enemy materials. Many of these so-
called movable assets were removed from permanent installations during
1945 and 1946 and later returned to various USIA plants when the Soviets
decided to operate these plants on a long-term basis. In this connection,
[redacted] Engr. MUSIL of USIA's Central Commercial Bureau and Robert
ROSSAK, Austrian Communist and USIA personnel officer, as having stated on several
occasions that the Soviets regard all movable property as captured enemy
material.*

2. Although the Soviets have already started to cut up this scrap, [redacted]
[redacted] it will take at least six months to prepare it for sale
or shipment. Meanwhile, the Soviets are trying to sell it to Switzerland
at \$22.00 per ton or to Austrian scrap dealers for 1,050 schillings per
ton. [redacted] the schilling price exorbitant but alleges that
this is the figure quoted by Engr. MUSIL.

3. Scrap held by the Construction and Building Materials Administration of
USIA:

Bahnbedarf A.G., Neu Erlaa	183 tons
Werk Motorenfabrik und Eisengiesserei	17 tons
Mosson-Werke Kndt.-Ges. fuer Wartechnik u. Maschinenbau	
Philipp Holzmann A.G., Ybbs Staining, Lobau	
Sager & Woerner	

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Ueberland Hoch-Tief- und Strassenbau A.G.,	410 Tons
Neu Erlas, Heidling	
Vianova Bau A.G., Ebenfurth	653 "
Negrelli Bau A.G.	105 "
Allgemeine Baugesellschaft Porr A.G.	70 "
Gusen Granitwerk, St. Georgen a/d Gusen	1,350 "
Klosterneuburger Holzindustrie G.m.b.H.	320 "
Vertrich, Building Materials **	180 "
P.C. Wagner Kommanditgesellschaft	<u>12</u> "
Total	4,912 "

Scrap held by other USIA departments and USIA-controlled firms

Metallurgical Administration including Waagner-Biro A.G., Vienna XXII, Wiener Lokomotivfabrik A.G., Vienna XXI, and Leobers- dorfer Maschinfabrik, A.G.	80,000 tons
USIA's Central Commercial Bureau, including scrap of un- determined ownership scattered throughout the Soviet Zone of Austria	17,000 "
DSG, Winterhafen	5,000 "
Erste Oesterreichische Maschinelasindustrie A.G.	<u>320</u> "
Total	102,320 "
<u>Total amount of scrap held by all USIA departments and enterprises</u>	<u>107,232</u>

* Comment: the Soviets were charging rent for CEM equipment they had installed in USIA plants. In view of this Soviet practice, the Soviets probably regard all equipment installed in USIA plants while under Soviet control, whether CEM, purchased in Austria or elsewhere, as Soviet property.

* Comment: The exact identity of Vertrich, as a firm or commercial agent, cannot be determined in Austrian Handels Compass or Industrie Compass, Vienna telephone book or available lists of USIA firms.

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